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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: NSC Review Group Meeting, 27 March 1969

1. The 27 March meeting of the NSC Review Group, under the chairmanship of Henry Kissinger, dealt with NSSM-18, "United States Policy Toward Peru".

2. The Review Group agreed that the 26 March paper on this subject was a good summation of the problem and the range of responses available to the United States. Kissinger made the point that there were two remaining issues that needed to be dealt with more explicitly: (a) what should we regard as an appropriate and adequate step by Peru which would enable us to avoid carrying out the provisions of the Hickenlooper Amendment on 4 April; and (b) what accompanying steps should the United States take if it is decided to apply the Hickenlooper Amendment. Regarding the first of these, Kissinger pressed hard on the State representative to provide some specific examples of an appropriate step. He even sought to quantify in terms of whether or not the Peruvians had lowered the total amount of the indemnity request by such-and-such a number of thousands of dollars. It was finally agreed by the group that decision on this matter was extremely difficult, and the best that could be done would be to provide the President with supplementary statements which would describe the several avenues

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along which progress might be made by the current Irwin mission and that advance on any or all of these in negotiations might be regarded as an "appropriate step". The State representative agreed to provide such a supplementary paper.

3. Regarding possible steps to take which might mitigate the impact on Latin America if the Hickenlooper Amendment were to be applied, the USIA representative offered an example: to wit, that the supreme court justices of five Latin American countries might be invited to form a court of appeal whose decision would be binding. He offered to provide other such examples to be included in the paper State is to prepare.

4. The 18 March draft directive regarding the world-wide base study was not discussed at the meeting. In an informal vote by the Review Group after the meeting, it was agreed that paragraph 3--which dealt with intelligence aspects--would be removed from the directive. It was also agreed that a broad review of the implications for intelligence collection of this study, as well as the Packard posture review study, would be undertaken when these two studies have been completed. This presumably would be summer of 1969.

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